

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**MAZZEO UNUM,**

**Plaintiff,**

**1:11-cv-983  
(GLS/RFT)**

**v.**

**SOCIAL SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION et al.,**

**Defendants**

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**APPEARANCES:**

**OF COUNSEL:**

**FOR THE PLAINTIFF:**

Mazzeo Unum  
Pro Se  
25-30 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12022

**FOR THE DEFENDANTS**

**NO APPEARANCES**

**Gary L. Sharpe  
District Court Judge**

**MEMORANDUM-DECISION AND ORDER**

**I. Introduction**

Plaintiff *pro se* Mazzeo Unum<sup>1</sup> brings this action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging his constitutional rights were violated by defendants Social

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<sup>1</sup> The Clerk is directed to correct the plaintiff's name in accordance with Judge Treece's Report-Recommendation and Order (R&R). (See R&R at 1 n.1, Dkt. No. 4.)

Security Administration, New York State Division of Human Rights, State of New York Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. (See Am. Compl., Dkt. No. 7.) In a Report-Recommendation and Order (R&R) filed October 4, 2011, Magistrate Judge Randolph F. Treece recommended that plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed.<sup>2</sup> (See *generally* R&R, Dkt. No. 4.) Although afforded the opportunity to do so, plaintiff failed to file objections to the R&R; however, in lieu of objections, plaintiff filed a new application to proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (IFP)<sup>3</sup> and an Amended Complaint. (Dkt. Nos. 6, 7.) For the reasons that follow, the R&R is adopted in its entirety, plaintiff's motion to proceed IFP is granted, and his Amended Complaint is dismissed.

## **II. Standard of Review**

Before entering final judgment, this court routinely reviews all report and recommendation orders in cases it has referred to a magistrate judge. If a party has objected to specific elements of the magistrate judge's

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<sup>2</sup> The Clerk is directed to append the R&R to this decision, and familiarity therewith is presumed.

<sup>3</sup> The plaintiff's new application to proceed IFP is complete and cures the errors addressed in the R&R. As such, plaintiff's motion to proceed IFP (Dkt. No. 6) is granted.

findings and recommendations, this court reviews those findings and recommendations *de novo*. See *Almonte v. N.Y. State Div. of Parole*, No. 04-cv-484, 2006 WL 149049, at \*6-7 (N.D.N.Y. Jan. 18, 2006). In those cases where no party has filed an objection, or only a vague or general objection has been filed, this court reviews the findings and recommendations of the magistrate judge for clear error. See *id.*

### **III. Discussion**

As a threshold matter, the court notes that plaintiff did not file any objections to the R&R. Having found no clear error in the R&R, the court accepts and adopts Judge Treece's R&R in its entirety. Moreover, while the R&R discussed the failure of the plaintiff's Complaint, the Amended Complaint is similarly flawed. (See Dkt. No. 7.) Even with the liberal construction afforded to plaintiff as a *pro se* litigant, the Amended Complaint contains no factual allegations, and merely attempts to incorporate by reference the claims alleged in a previous case, 09-cv-1420, dismissed by Judge Kahn in March 2010. (See Am. Compl., Dkt. No. 7.) Because the Amended Complaint fails to not only comply with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 8 and 10, but also is devoid of a cognizable claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, it is dismissed.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

**WHEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Randolph F. Treece's October 4, 2011 Report-Recommendation and Order (Dkt. No. 4) is **ADOPTED** in its entirety; and it is further

**ORDERED** that plaintiff's motion to proceed with this action *In Forma Pauperis* (Dkt. No. 6) is **GRANTED**; and it is further

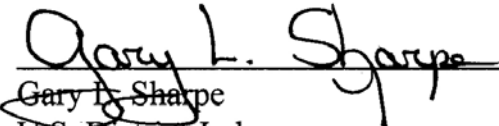
**ORDERED** that plaintiff's Amended Complaint (Dkt. No. 7) is **DISMISSED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Clerk close this case; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Clerk provide a copy of this Memorandum-Decision and Order to the parties by mail and certified mail.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

November 8, 2011  
Albany, New York

  
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Gary L. Sharpe  
U.S. District Judge